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Subject: GREEN SUBSTANCE
Area: Terminal 1, B-104, 105, & 106
DATE: August 22, 1991

At 0920 hrs. writer received a radio transmission from Officer Black that there was an oily base green substance in the river, (possibly paint?) stretching from the 106 area to the 104 area, most of it seems to be under the dock.

I immediately dialed Rollie Montague's extension-not available, Russ Korvola-not available, Bob Jenkins-not available, Myron Salo-not available. I activated pagers for Rollie and Russ. Writer then contacted Risk Mgmt. Michelle Roberts and advised them I needed assistance on a possible pollution problem at T-1.

While I was on the phone with Michelle Roberts explaining to her what the situation was I needed to contact someone from the Port and also be given the okay to contact U.S. Coast Guard, as per their requests, Coast Guard will not be contacted until Port personnel are. She stated, she had Cathy Brown there and to go ahead and contact Coast Guard.

About the time I hung up with Michelle at 0930, I received a call from Mary Brugo. I advised Mary of the situation and she advised me she would contact Hahn and Assoc.

At 0933 I contacted Coast Guard and spoke with Petty Officer McCallum and advised him of the situation. I stated, it was a green florescent oily base color and was washing on the rocks leaving a green discoloration on them. It ran from the 106 Dredge area to the 104 area. Unknown where the origin of the substance was coming from, but Dredge personnel were checking their area. I also advised him that Port personnel had been contacted and were sending out Hahn Associates to check it out. He asked, if the terminal was in the Willamette or the Columbia River, (new reserve) I advised him it was the Willamette. He would make the necessary contacts.

At 0945 hrs. John from Hahn Associates called me and I gave him all the information that I had been given. He would be out directly. Dick Boyle advised at about 0955 hrs.

Writer arrived at T-1, B-104 area at about 1010 hrs. and John from Hahn was there, he had already taken samples and photos of the area. This area was heavy with the green substance. Writer took photos of the area.

I took John out to the 105 area and went on dockside and walked down to 106. In some areas we could see some of the substance from the bullrail. John requested to go down under the dock for a better look. Writer contacted Officer Black to assist and determine which was the best way to get down. There was a trap door at the end of 106 and John went down. Green substance was only visible by one rock at the other end of 106 beyond Port property, but no where else beyond that.

I waited above dock for John. As I was preparing to leave the 105 area, Officer Black escorted Coast Guard personnel Spann and McCohran (?unsure of spelling) to 105 area. I advised Coast Guard of the situation and that we had a person checking the area. As I was preparing to lead them to the 105 dockside, John met us and informed Coast Guard he could not find where the substance was coming from. Coast Guard decided to check Firehouse, where there is an outlet of some type.

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During this time a Port van was in the area, writer believed to be Bob Jenkins.

We all went to the Firehouse and nothing was found. Coast Guard then stated, they would be going to Swan Island. Writer attempted to contact Port personnel to advise no one was available.

About this time Terry Manary, Carpenter Foreman met with me and stated, he thought substance was a safety liquid used by Dredge personnel on their floating vests. If man goes overboard at night, the substance is released and can be easily spotted by helicopter/boat lights. He stated, Sandy Giepel would know what the item was. This was about 1110 hrs.

I returned to 105 area and waited for Jenkins to return to the van.

When Bob Jenkins came, I advised him of what was happening and the possibility of the substance being a safety item.

Writer cleared area at about 1245 hrs. and went to T-2 to pick up Officer Black's report and photos he had taken.

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